

SPECIAL EDUCATION HEARING OFFICERS

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Note: In Virginia, special education due process hearings which are held pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, are conducted by attorneys who meet standards set by the Supreme Court of Virginia and the Virginia Department of Education, including completion of on-going training requirements. **Please be advised that the Supreme Court provides the LEA with the name of a currently approved hearing officer for a special education matter at the time a request for a hearing is made.**

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